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Re: Rural Independent Competitive Alliance's  
Request for Emergency Temporary Relief  
Enjoining AT&T Corp. from Discontinuing  
Service Pending Final Decision; CC Docket No.96-262  
Supplement to Request for Emergency Relief

Dear Ms. Salas:

On February 18, 2000, the Rural Independent Competitive Alliance ("RICA"), and its members CTC Telcom, Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc., Forest City Telecom, Inc., Heart of Iowa Communications, Inc., Mark Twain Communications Company, and XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Inc. (collectively, "Petitioners"), filed a Request for Emergency Relief seeking immediate Commission action prohibiting AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") from withdrawing its interexchange services from the customers of RICA members and similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers ("CLECs") serving various portions of rural America. On May 15, 2000, the Commission released a Public Notice (DA 00-1067) requesting comment on RICA's Request.<sup>1</sup>

Petitioners hereby supplement the pending Request to include RICA member Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Mid-Rivers") as an additional Petitioner. As demonstrated by the attached letter from AT&T to Mid-Rivers,<sup>2</sup> AT&T is expanding the scope of its unilateral and selective withdrawal from the interexchange market by informing Mid-Rivers that effective August 1, 2000, "AT&T is canceling all originating switched access services provided to it by Mid-Rivers" and that as of this date, Mid-Rivers is to "cease to route any traffic to AT&T's network." AT&T acknowledges the discriminatory nature of its actions by stating, "[t]his cancellation is for all markets currently or in the future served by Mid-Rivers as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC)."

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<sup>1</sup>Comments are due June 14, 2000; Reply Comments are due June 29, 2000.


<sup>2</sup>See letter from William J. Taggart III, AT&T dated May 18, 2000, to Vern Stickel, Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Attachment A).

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Given that Mid-Rivers now finds itself under the same burdens as other named RICA Petitioners, RICA respectfully requests the Commission's acknowledgment of Mid-Rivers as an additional party to the Request.

Respectfully submitted,

Rural Independent Competitive Alliance  
CTC Telecom  
Consolidated Communications Networks, Inc.  
Forest City Telecom, Inc.  
Heart of Iowa Communications, Inc.  
Mark Twain Communications Company  
XIT Telecommunications & Technology, Inc.  
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May 18, 2000

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Vern Stickel  
Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
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Re: Cancellation of Switched Access Service Request

Dear Vern:

I am writing to notify you that AT&T is canceling all originating switched access services provided to it by Mid-Rivers effective August 1, 2000. This includes, but is not limited to, the following categories of service: 00, 0+, 1+, 500, 700, 8YY, 900, and all AT&T associated 10-10-XXX dial-around codes. This cancellation is for all markets currently or in the future served by Mid-Rivers as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC).

AT&T requests that Mid-Rivers immediately cease to presubscribe any additional customers to AT&T. AT&T intends to provide appropriate notice to its current presubscribed customers served by Mid-Rivers of the cancellation of Mid-Rivers' originating access services.

Accordingly, AT&T requests that, on August 1, 2000, Mid-Rivers cease to route any traffic to AT&T's network. If Mid-Rivers nevertheless continues to route any traffic to AT&T's network on or after that date, despite AT&T's express request that Mid-Rivers cease such actions, AT&T is not obligated to and will not pay any originating access charges that Mid-Rivers may attempt to assess upon AT&T. In addition, AT&T will hold Mid-Rivers Telephone liable for all losses, damages and costs arising out of Mid-Rivers's improper and unauthorized routing of traffic to AT&T's network.

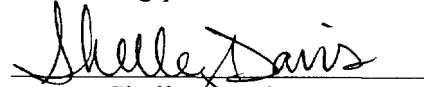
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill".

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Shelley Davis, of Kraskin, Lesse & Cosson, LLP, 2120 L Street, NW, Suite 520, Washington, DC 20037, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing "Supplement to Request for Emergency Relief" of the Rural Independent Competitive Alliance was served on this 1st day of June 2000, by first class, U.S. mail, postage prepaid to the following parties:

  
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